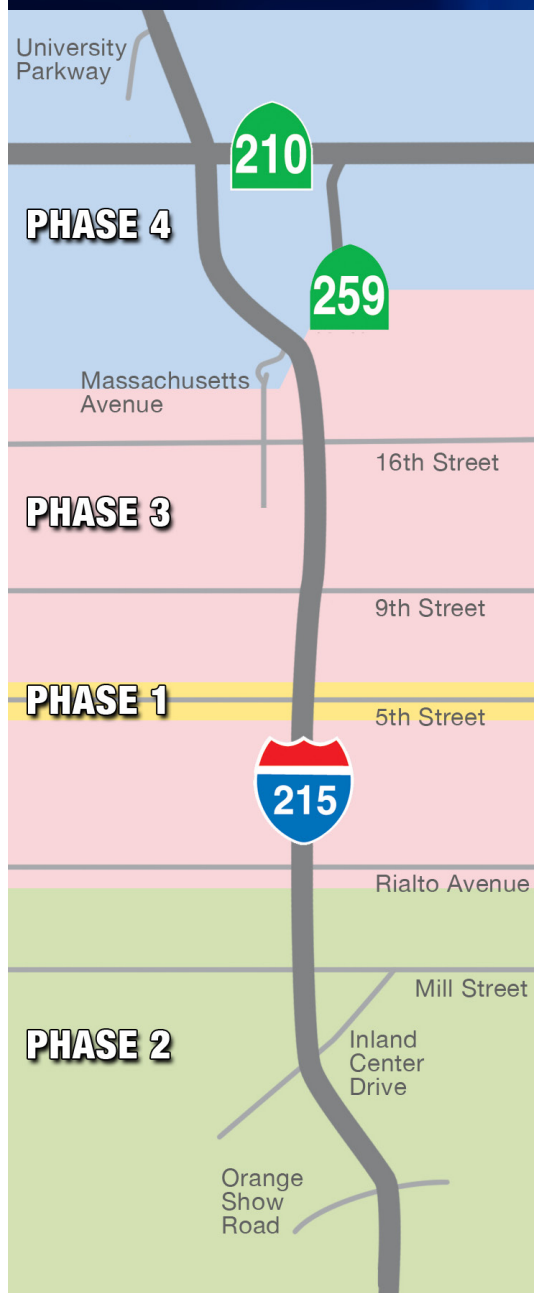




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Three Long-Term Closures Re-Open: 2nd Street, I-215/SR-210 Connector, and Inland Center Drive Ramp

The month of June will bring increased access along I-215 as three long-term closures will come to an end.

Starting in mid-June, 2nd Street is expected to reopen to drivers in both directions, allowing eastbound and westbound traffic to access I-215 on- and off-ramps. The closures were necessary to improve street drainage prior to freeway widening work.

Later in June, crews will stripe the new lane configurations near Inland Center Drive as part of the work to finalize construction activity through this stretch of I-215. This includes opening the southbound I-215 on-ramp – the last of the four new on- and off-ramps built at Inland Center Drive.

Finally, the southbound I-215/eastbound SR-210 connector ramp is expected to reopen to drivers by the end of June. The existing drainage pipes are being improved prior to the new interchange ramps to be constructed as part of the project.

SANBAG and Caltrans thank all businesses and commuters within the project area for their patience during construction.



Crews continue work on drainage at 2nd Street to reopen the lanes to drivers in June.

New 9th Street Bridge Takes Shape!

If you have driven I-215 recently, you may have noticed some big changes at 9th Street. During a full northbound and southbound closure on May 17, the new 9th Street bridge began to take shape. In just one night (and in half the time expected), crews rigged 56 wood stringers and 108 steel beams to create most of the new overpass.

The 9th Street bridge is one of many overpasses and underpasses slated for complete demolition and reconstruction along I-215. The Mill Street, 5th Street, Orange Show Road, Inland Center Drive, Warm Creek and Lytle Creek bridges have already been

rebuilt. A total of 17 bridges will undergo full reconstruction to accommodate the widening of I-215 and increase accessibility between the east and west sides of San Bernardino. The new bridges are longer and wider and in some cases increasing from two to six lanes.



Crews completed setting beams for the 9th Street bridge deck during a full freeway closure in May.

Long Term and Permanent Closures



As construction continues on I-215, please note the following closures:

2nd Street between G and I Streets – Closed starting April 26 for approximately eight weeks while crews complete drainage work. All ramps remain open for drivers in the westbound direction.

4th Street On-Ramps – Eliminated and will be replaced with ramps directly on the 5th Street bridge.

9th Street Bridge – Closed to drivers and pedestrians until late 2010.

Southbound I-215 Baseline Avenue Off-Ramp – Closed until the new ramps are constructed in Fall 2013.

Northbound Highland Avenue Off-Ramp – Closed permanently and reconfigured with access to Highland Avenue via a collector road.

Northbound Highland Avenue On-Ramp – Closed long-term while crews construct the collector road.

27th Street/Mt. Vernon Avenue Southbound On-Ramp and Northbound Off-Ramp – Closed starting April 2 for approximately two years when new bridge is complete.

Southbound I-215 to Eastbound SR-210 Connector – Closed starting April 19 for approximately six weeks.

City of San Bernardino Turns 200: Celebrations all Year Long

On May 15, 2010, more than 450 people attended "A Rich History. A Bright Future" – the City's Bicentennial Gala at the National Orange Show Events Center. Guests from throughout the region enjoyed food, camaraderie, dance, and a number of wonderful performances. One of the many highlights of the evening was Mayor Patrick Morris' story of the history of San Bernardino.

The gala event is one of more than 20 bicentennial activities planned throughout the year that celebrate the history, capture the spirit, and showcase the future of the City of San Bernardino. Throughout its 200-year history, the City has seen many positive eras. Currently, the city is undergoing a major \$2 billion revitalization effort that is being anchored by transportation projects such as the I-215 Widening Project and the planned Omnitrans sbX Bus Rapid Transit line and Intermodal Transit Center and Village.

To learn more about other major projects and the City's overall revitalization effort, go to www.sbrda.org/corevision.htm. To learn more about the tremendous work done by the Bicentennial Celebration Committee and upcoming events, go to www.sanbernardino200.org

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Full Freeway Closures Planned For Baseline Avenue Bridge Construction

Major progress is being made on construction of the new Baseline Avenue bridge. During eight nighttime full freeway closures in June, crews will place a temporary bridge structure to form the new bridge. The Baseline Avenue bridge is being reconstructed in very much the same way as the 5th Street bridge was a few years ago. One half of the old bridge remains open while the other half is demolished and reconstructed. Once the new half is built, it opens for traffic and the other half is demolished and built. The two halves are then joined to create the new wider, longer bridge.

Following are the planned closures:

Northbound I-215

Where: Between Mt. Vernon Avenue and 2nd Street

When: Tuesday, June 1 through Thursday, June 3 and Thursday, June 10 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly

To access northbound I-215: Exit 5th Street, turn left on H Street, travel north and turn left at Highland Avenue, turn right at Mt. Vernon Avenue and travel north to access NB I-215

To access northbound SR-259: Exit 5th Street and turn left on H Street, travel north and turn left at Highland Avenue to access northbound SR-259

Southbound I-215

Where: Between 5th Street and Mt. Vernon Avenue

When: Sunday, June 6 through Wednesday, June 9 from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. nightly

To access southbound I-215: Exit 27th Street/ Mt. Vernon Avenue, turn right on Mt. Vernon Avenue and head south, turn left on 5th Street, turn right on H Street, and turn right on 2nd Street to re-enter I-215

To access southbound SR-259: Exit Highland Avenue and turn right, turn left at Mt. Vernon Avenue and follow the southbound I-215 detour

Local Businesses Open During Construction

Precision Automotive & Transmission -

909 West 2nd Street

Full-service shop specializing in transmission repair and rebuilding. Offers affordable prices and quality work. Coupons available.

Open: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (909) 888-1668

In-N-Out Burger - 190 Bungalow (2nd Street)

For more than 60 years, In-N-Out has been serving its famous burgers, fries and drinks.

Open: Sun.-Thurs. 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m., Fri. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Sat. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Del Taco - 770 West 2nd Street

Made-to-order Mexican items and American favorites. Tacos only \$0.39 for a limited time.

Open: Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.; Weekends 7 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Taco Bell/Pizza Hut - 797 West 2nd Street

Offers customers Mexican-style food favorites with a \$2 Meal Deal available today.

Open: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.



The I-215 Widening Project is a partnership among San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino.

Project Questions?

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